Bar Hill News

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The Bar Hill Massive Youth Project Trust

At present the Trust is consulting with the young people of Bar Hill to find out what they would like in our village. An open meeting was held in the autumn, a youth forum (with young people's representatives from different village groups) is meeting for the first time in March and a questionnaire has gone out via Swavesey Village College. However there are lots of young people between the ages of 11 and 19 whom we will not have had contact with and so we are encouraging them to pick up a questionnaire from the library or alternatively to write out answers to the questions below and return them to 16 Hillcrest. All returned questionnaires will be entered into a draw for two cinema tickets.

1. What activities do you take part in (out of school/college) at the moment?

   A. In Bar Hill

   B. Elsewhere

2. If you.....
   A. Sometimes go to the Farmhouse - List what you like about it. What could be improved?

   B. Never use the Farmhouse - Why not? Under what circumstances might you use it?

3. What activities/facilities would you like to see in the village?

4. Rate from 1 to 10 (10 being the highest) the importance of the following facilities in Bar Hill:

Skate park	Astro	Farmhouse
Library	Small basketball area	Colts Football Club
Football Club	Cricket Club	Tennis Courts

5. Rate from 1 to 10 (10 being the highest) the importance to you of each of the following suggested activities:

Girls only youth sessions	Year 7 and 8 youth sessions
Youth Club in the Octagon	Casual sports sessions
Organised sports sessions	Organised sports tournaments

When you've written your answers, here or on a separate piece of paper, return them to 16 Hillcrest. All returned questionnaires will be entered into a draw for two cinema tickets. Don't forget your name and address.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th March to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

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The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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Letters to the Editor

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An open letter to Mr Brian Davies, Address Development Manager, Royal Mail

Dear Mr Davies

Proposed postcode changes

Like other residents of Bar Hill I have received a letter informing us of proposed postcode changes without any information of what these changes might be. While the heading of your letter implies that these changes will be in Cambridge, the text underneath states that these will be in the 'CB1 to CB5 area' and the open days will take place in venues as far apart as Linton, Burwell and Impington. The following questions, therefore, need to be answered:

- Will all the present CB1 to CB5 postcodes be affected?
- With 27,000 new addresses in Cambridge City and 23,000 around it, why have separate postcodes not been devised for these areas?
- Apart from population growth, are there other reasons which underlie these changes?
- What is the nature of the changes – the *Cambridge Evening News* has recently speculated on what these might be.

And our last question applies to your consultation. This, for Bar Hill and the surrounding villages inspires little confidence in Royal Mail. Bar Hill is a major centre along the A14, with over 1,800 houses and two thriving industrial estates. In addition, it has a hotel and a church centre with adequate facilities for a consultation with the public. Yet the nearest venues are either in Cambridge (with its difficult parking problems), Impington to the north and Comberton to the south. In addition, the consultations will run from 10 am to 3 pm, and none of them at weekend. This will make it impossible for those in full-time employment to attend them. Cynical observers would suggest that the timings and venues have been designed deliberately to avoid any meaningful consultation with the public and with local industry and commerce. To prevent this, I would ask you to reconsider them.

Lastly, postcodes are not merely used for postal purposes, but, in this computerised world, as an essential means of personal identity. What would banks, credit card companies, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, government agencies and others do without postcodes? Changes to postcodes, therefore, are capable of wide ramifications and I hope you have taken these into account.

Although you state that you cannot engage in any individual correspondence on this matter, I would, nevertheless, be grateful for your response to the points I have raised.

Yours sincerely
Roger Hall
District Councillors for Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Boxworth and Lolworth

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I was delighted to see Nick Richardson pressing for progress on the Barbers shop issue.This has been an eyesore for the village for 30 years, and more so than ever, now it has been burnt out for the last 4.

I note the various issues hinted at regarding the delay in progress, but given the passage of time they do seem fairly flimsy. When can the residents expect resolute action on this matter to bring it to a close?

On a related note I am pleased that the Hotel ownership has now passed to owners that at long last show a real promise to invest in the facility. That will be for the benefit of the village as a whole and indeed the golfers too I suspect. Given that they profess to run only 4 star hotels in their group, I doubt that they will want the Barbers Shop issue to remain unresolved a moment longer than necessary.

Go Menzies!

Rod Bishop

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Between us, we continue to produce a growing volume of rubbish. District councils have to collect it and county council have to dispose of it. The Government's landfill tax is increasing significantly each year, which adds to the pressures on budgets. The increasing cost of rubbish disposal will eventually make the high cost of using new technology affordable.

A party of councillors and officials from DEFRA have just returned from Germany where we saw new technologies in action. Before anyone asks, we flew with Ryanair and travelled around by bus, so it actually cost less than making a similar visit to, let us say Hampshire. The first eye-opener was how badly our 45% recycling achievement compares with northern Germany where it is 61%. People there pay separately for rubbish collection whereas we are not allowed by law to levy a charge. The Germans can decide the sort of collection they want and how frequent it should be. Those choosing a four-weekly collection and who sort their own rubbish pay the least. Those who want a weekly collection and do no separation pay the most.

Visits to household waste-recycling centres attract a charge. The centre we saw charged 10 euros per car or less if recyclables were already separated. Charging at home would be relatively simple in administrative terms. Council Tax could be reduced to reflect the removal of the rubbish costs. There could then be a scale of charges, which would make no difference in cost to the average house producing the average volume of rubbish. Households that produce less would pay less and those which produced more would pay more; only then could we afford some of the technology we saw. We visited one of the four rubbish-burning power stations generating electricity for Hamburg. It was clean, non smelly, in town, and had zero noxious chemicals coming out of its chimney. Emissions are monitored continuously by the German equivalent of the Environment agency, and are always below legal limits. However, it cost 260 million euros to build. Other technologies we saw would represent a severe financial challenge but one we will be forced to face as the landfill tax increases.

County Budget Issues Explained

Having to choose between tax hikes and making cuts to services is clearly a difficult situation for all concerned; regrettably there is no choice thanks to under-funding from the Government and their "capping" rules. The only choice confronting the County Council, and the public, is how drastically sets of cuts

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should be implemented. Year after year, the grant from central Government is responsible for the council's dire financial situation. It is not the council which is responsible for financial mismanagement as claimed by some people. Political opponents suggest financial mismanagement, a view not supported by either of our last two government assessments, or by the District Auditor who looks for just this sort of problem every year.

How can you justify spending £12M on consultants last year when it would have gone some way towards off-setting the need to save £9.3million you need to save this year? The council did not spend £12m on consultants last year as suggested; the real figure is nearer £5M out of a total expenditure of over £600 million. Some of the money quoted as consultancy was, in fact, normal contractor support.

I am always happy to defend our use of external providers to meet specialist and short-term tasks in particular. But we should always ask, for any task, whether we need to take on more County Council employees (with pension entitlements, maternity and sickness absence and potential redundancy costs) or whether it would be more cost effective in the longer term to use external providers. This year's budget is tough, but next year's budget looks set to be even tighter. So how are we addressing the continued erosion of front-line services?. We are investing some money this year in more 'spend to save' efficiency measures than usual. Some of these will help money go further in later years.

Regionalisation by Stealth

I have noticed an accelerating trend, initiated and fuelled by the government, towards the regionalisation of governance and public service. In the relentless drive to ever-greater efficiency in the public sector, we are now seeing forced mergers to make the basic units larger and larger. Let me make it clear, I am not against greater efficiency but I am against distance decision-makers being remote from local people.

In recent weeks we have heard of plans to merge police forces. The Cambridgeshire Constabulary and at least two adjacent county forces look set to be merged to form a new 'super force'. There may even be a six-county regional force. The cost of this reorganisation is being estimated in the region of £100M but there is no indication of the improved service which would be provided or how long it would take to cover the reorganisation costs. In the field of health, primary care trusts (which at the present time are based on districts) are being merged. The strategic health authority, which has overall responsibility for planning health care, covers two counties - but there is talk that it will be extended to encompass four.

While the government is preaching the 'empowerment' of the local electorate and the idea of acting at the local level, the units, which provide services, are to be made larger and ever larger.

This is because we have two major forces at work. The first is the skilful and cynical drive to encourage people to think that they are actually helping to make the decisions that affect them - by way of 'consultation' by government departments and agencies (which have their own agendas). The second is the drive towards larger and larger units, ostensibly for reasons of economies of scale. The true story behind this is, I believe, the Government's firm intention to introduce regional government by stealth.

Having received a raspberry in their attempts to foist regional government on the North East, the Deputy Prime Minister and his henchmen are strengthening the existing regional development boards and forcing the pace of creating multi-county organisations for public services. We have far too much government already. A further layer of regional government will lay us open to increased taxes, distant governance - and above all to the opportunity for EU bureaucrats to govern us as a series of regional 'units' rather than as a nation state.

Free Bus Travel – but not 'fare'

Currently, in Cambridgeshire, half-price bus travel is offered to people aged 60 and above and those registered with a disability. Free bus travel is already offered to those registered as visually impaired; the County Council, on behalf of all the District and Unitary Authorities runs this scheme which operates throughout the day and night. The Government's initiative to bring in free bus travel has been welcomed. The scheme will mean that people aged 60 and above, or with disabilities will be able to get free bus travel between 9.30am and 11pm. All District and Unitary Authorities have received additional grant to implement the scheme from 1st April 2006 but this is not enough to fund a full scheme.

This could result in a different system in each district. For example, a passenger living say in Bar Hill would be able to travel free to the Cambridge City or Huntingdonshire boundary but would have to pay full fare from the boundary to say Addenbrooke's or Hinchingbrooke hospitals. This is not a simple free travel for all scheme as it was originally billed and cannot be directly compared to the schemes currently operating in Wales and Scotland. It would be much better if the Government invested properly in this and introduced a simple and free service for the whole of the country. This would make the system much easier to understand for passengers and much more user-friendly.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds
4 Hollytrees
Bar Hill
Cambridge
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Changes at the Health Centre

The health visiting team is reducing the baby clinic to once a month. This will be on the 1st Friday of every month, 2pm onwards, by appointment, which you can make through the GP surgery.

In addition we are also offering a 'Toddler Clinic' where we will offer advice on a variety of topics, such as: sleep, weaning, behaviour, minor childhood ailments etc. These are available to parents with children age 0-16. You will be offered a 15-30min appointment. There are no facilities for weighing babies at Toddler Clinic. Appointment can be made through the Child and family team office, tel no. 01954 781855

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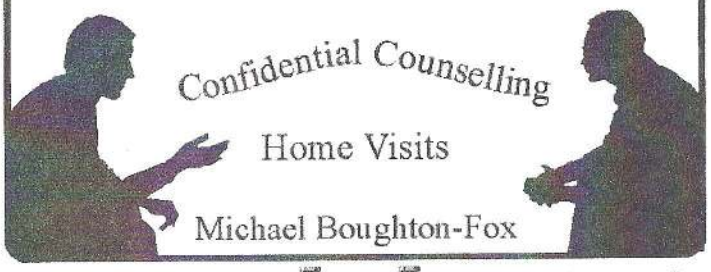

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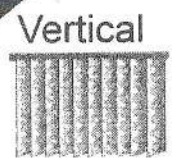
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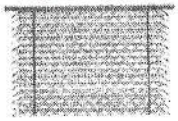
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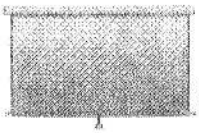
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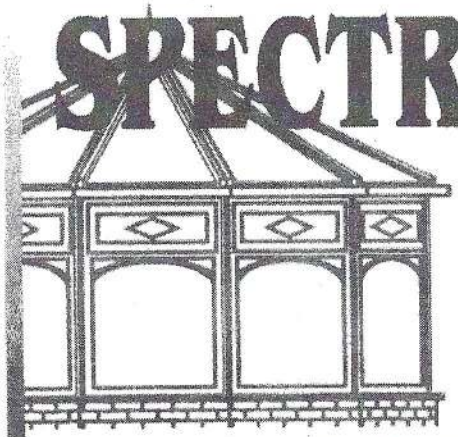

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Bar Hill Tennis Club

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and the Club is looking forward to the new season with real excitement. Last autumn we completed the refurbishment of the Courts and we now have a brand new playing surface to play on. So we are all hoping for a long hot summer and plenty of good tennis!

In case you missed last month's article in the Bar Hill News we invite all existing but particularly potential new members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 20 March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters.

This year we are inviting anyone who wants to know more about the Club or would like to have a go at playing to come along to our social Club nights which will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Subject to satisfactory weather we hope to start Club nights a little earlier On Tuesday 18 April this year.

We would like to see Tennis being played on our courts as much as possible and the Club is now considering offering corporate membership to local Companies who may wish to make our facilities available to their employees. If any Companies are interested we would be pleased to hear from them.

Keep an eye out in the BHN for more Club information over the next few months but in the meantime we look forward to welcoming you at our AGM on 20 March at 8.00pm in the School Community room.

Please join us on the 20 March or for more details contact:

Ray Livingstone 201170
John Suchocki 780461
Paul Chubbuck 781688

Bar Hill Cricket Club

Nets have started, the fixtures have been released – it won't be long now before the cricket club is into the serious business of the summer.

We now know the fledgling second eleven will be competing in the CCA, division 4NA, alongside Over III, Histon IV, Somersham II, Wimblington II, Cottenham III, Waterbeach II and St Ives IV – a few local derbies in there!

Somersham provide the first opponents, in an away game on May 6, while the seconds' first appearance on the village green will be in the Lower Junior Cup against Cambourne on Sunday May 21.

The firsts are once again in division 2NB, along with Abbots Ripton, Over II, Histon III, St Ives II, Longstowe II, Wilburton, Cottenham II and Needingworth.

However, their first fixture of the season will be the Junior Cup tie at home to Cambridge St Giles II on Sunday May 7.

With a full programme of Sunday friendlies, including the much-anticipated games against the Social Club "Wrinklies" and the Church, and Colts teams running at under-12, under-13 and under-15 level, it promises to be a very busy summer.

All those who were members last year should by now have received their membership forms for 2006. Parents should have also received letters outlining our plans for the Colts teams. Please contact me on the number below if you think you have not received a letter, or if you have not been a member in the past and would like to join.

If any parents would like to help run the teams or coaching during the summer, again, please call the number below.

All members are welcome to nets which are held every Sunday from 9.30am to 11am at the Perse School (entrance in Hills Road). Lifts can be arranged – contact me on the number below.

Finally, a big thank-you to our friends in the Blades Runners quiz team, who most generously donated their winnings from a recent Social Club quiz evening to the cricket club. This terrific gesture is greatly appreciated. We also owe a vote of thanks to Andy Kent from Andy's Kars, who has generously agreed to provide a kit bag for our under-12s team, as well as servicing our roller.

Paul Stimpson, 782475

Friends of Bar Hill Library

Our booksale held on the 4th February was a great success, with bargains for all.

The next booksale is on Saturday 1st April 10am - 12 noon. The booksales are usually held on the first Saturday of every alternate month.

Coffee mornings are held every first Thursday in the month.

On Tuesday 14 March, we are having a talk by a Toastmaster at 2.30 pm in the library. Tickets available from the library staff.

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Bar Hill Parish Council

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Public Consultation – Anti-Social Behaviour

A public meeting was held on 21st February, hopefully many residents would have been interested enough to attend. Once I have further information I shall let you all know. In the meantime any updates can be found on the Parish Council website at www.barhillpc.org.uk.

Village Graffiti

It was decided that a jet wash system would not be beneficial to us for the removal of graffiti as in time this would erode any brickwork that graffiti has appeared on. It was therefore decided that we would paint over graffiti in the short-term and this has already started. Please accept the Parish Council's apologies for the delay in having this work done but we have to go through the proper channels and sometimes this can take time. Again further updates on this subject can be found on our website. For your information a person has been charged with the damage caused through graffiti in the village and prosecution is imminent.

Litter Picking Day

Once again we have arranged for a Litter Picking Day to be held on Saturday 8th April 2006. If you would like to join in and keep your village tidy please contact me for further information or turn up on the day at 10am outside the Parish Council Office where I will be issuing black bags and litter picking sticks.

Library Area

As you know from previous articles the Parish Council are in the process of turning the area outside the library in to a small garden area that has been designed by the children of Bar Hill Primary School. We have now decided to call this area The Children's Garden in dedication to little Danny, who sadly passed away last month. A bench and plaque will be placed in the garden for people to remember him.

Parish Council Website

Please note our new website address is as follows www.barhillpc.org.uk. This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agendas.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting.

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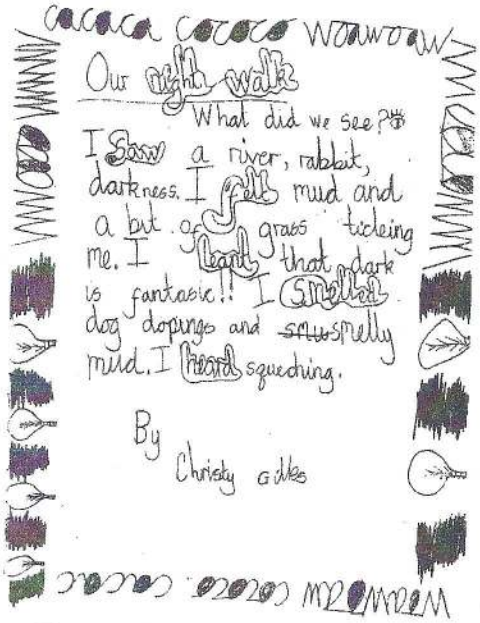
News From The School

Night Walk with Nick Richardson

Year 1 and Year 2 at Bar Hill School are learning about Light and Dark in the Study Unit work called 'Bright Sparks'. The children had to learn that:

- Dark is the absence of light;
- That it is only really dark when there is no light at all;
- That our other senses are just as important to use.

At the start of term in January we all went on a Night Walk led by Nick Richardson around the Nature Reserve. We may have been too excited for the animals but the children had an enjoyable learning experience. We returned to school for a quick drink of hot chocolate to warm us up and by the third evening the chocolate drink definitely improved. Christy Gilk's impressions sum it up very well indeed. Thank you Nick!


Our night walk
What did we see?
I saw a river, rabbit, darkness. I felt mud and a bit of grass tickling me. I heard that dark is fantasic!! I smelled dog dopings and smelly mud. I heard squeching.
By
Christy Gilks

The reception children at the school have enjoyed this half-term's work which has focused on toys.

The first week after half-term we have planned a 'Teddy Bear Week' and more outdoor activities, as the weather improves.

We look forward to the visits from the children who are starting school in September 2006.

Local help and support for people with sight problems

Did you know that there is help for anyone with sight problems?
A group is held at the Church, Bar Hill, 2pm until 4pm
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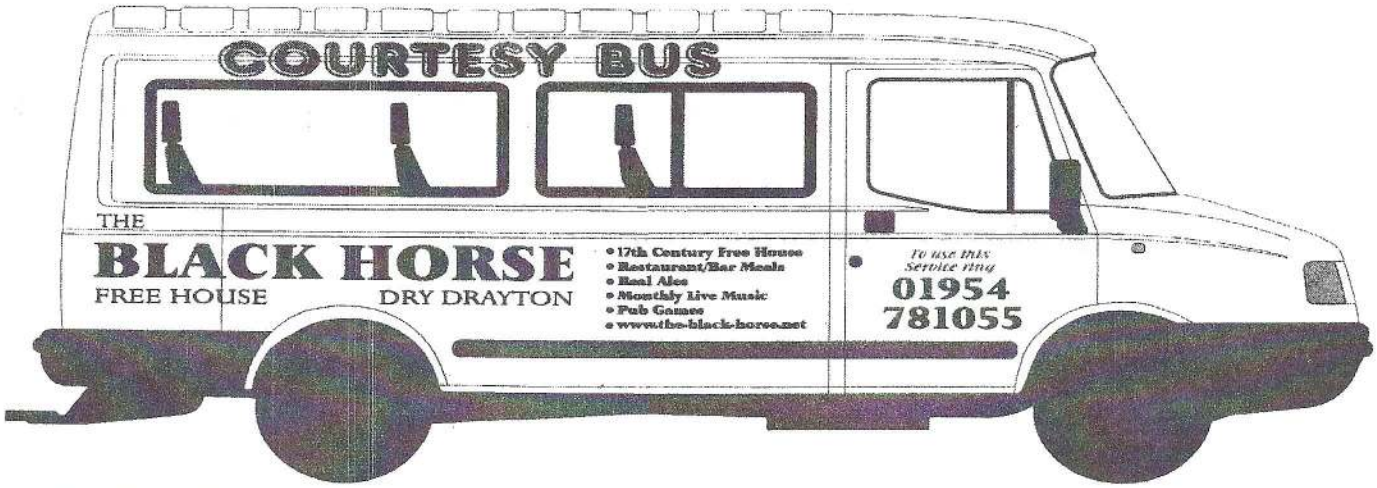

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SESSION TIMES

Monday	9.00-11.30am	
Tuesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
Including "**Storymakers**" in the afternoon		
Wednesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
Thursday	9.30-11.30am Kidz AM with Belinda	
Friday	9.00-11.30am including P.E. Session	

Lunch club available 11.30-12.30

SUBSIDISED PLACES

We can offer a reduced rate to families if required.

Under the Early Funding Scheme (EYFS) we can offer five free sessions when your child becomes eligible. (The term after your child's third birthday).

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DIARY DATES

Disco on Friday 24th March and Friday 28th April with 'Disco Dave'

6.15-7.15 for pre-school, reception, years 1 & 2 £1.50 includes drinks and biscuits

7.30-9.00 years 3-7 £2.00 admission. Hot-dogs and drinks on sale.

To book sessions please phone 01954 789099 and speak to Jayne or Tina

Under Ones

Under Ones meet on a Tuesday morning between 10am and Midday in the Octagon during term time. All are welcome: pregnant mothers, new mums, carers, grandparents, fathers. Tea, Coffee, Juice, Biscuits 50p. Toys, Books and changing facilities. A chance to chat, relax and make new friends while babies sleep or play.

Any enquiries,

contact Alwyn Keeves, 781050

Netball

Wednesdays 8pm-9/9.30 at Girton rec. Beginners welcome. Very friendly club. Contact Ana on 01223 276509 for further info.

Bar Hill School PTA

PTA AGM

Tue 28th Mar. In the Studio at 8pm.

Easter Hamper raffle

tickets on sale at the school during the last week of March.

Easter Colouring Competition

On sale in the hall after school during the last week of March. 50p to enter, Easter eggs to be won.

End of Term Discos

Friday 31st March.

Sponsored Walk – 20th May (TBC)

Plant Sale – 20th May (TBC)

Fun Day

Friday 16th June. Look out for more details in future editions of BHN.

Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school.

We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building). All of the staff are qualified Nursery Nurses./teachers.

We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30- 3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

Mini acorns, is available for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm, secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

Squirrels is open on a Wednesday afternoon in the Octagon 1.30 -3pm and is a drop in play session for all under 5's and their parents/carers. Please come along to any session, there is a small charge per session to cover running costs and refreshments.

For more information / a prospectus/ a registration form / a copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone **Sally on 201074.**

Tai Chi - Beginners Class Correction

Last month's BHN incorrectly identified this class as being on Wednesdays.
It is on **Thursdays**.
Detailsfrom Mike on 07717 697509

District Councillors' Reports

Tesco's proposed nutri-centre

Permission for this has been refused as a result of Tesco's failure to address the impact it will have on the number of extra cars it will attract and the extra time cars are likely to spend in the car park.

Waste collection 'green' league tables

South Cambridgeshire District Council is the third in the 'green' league table with 46.9% of rubbish collected as recyclable. It is the top, however, in the amount of rubbish collected for composting

No one in B & B

By using hostels and the temporary letting of council houses, no homeless person is now in bed and breakfast accommodation in South Cambridgeshire. The Government's target is that councils should halve the number of homeless households by 2010.

Licensing

Re-licensing required under the 2003 Licensing Act is virtually complete. SCDC handled a total of over a thousand applications by taxi drivers/vehicles and operators, 472 applications with regard to premises, 511 personal applications and about 250 others. This was undertaken by 3.5 officers – 693 each which compares favourably with 317 in Cambridge City and 474 in East Cambridgeshire. Members of the Licensing Committee will shortly have to start implementing the 2005 Gambling Act similar to the procedure employed with the Licensing Act.

Elections every four years

Although this may be overtaken by the Government's decision with regard to Local Government reorganisation (see below), residents will be asked their views in the spring edition of the South Cambs News. If residents who reply are in favour, then this will save £20,000 per year which will enable the Council to restore some of the cuts made as a result of capping.

Housing

The Council's Financial Director has reported that paying for council-housing repairs and improvements at the current level will not be feasible after the year 2008-9. This is the result of half council-house rents being submitted to the Government, rents being, in effect, 'pegged', and that the Council cannot borrow or transfer money from elsewhere for this purpose

Local Government Reorganisation

A White Paper outlining the Government's plans will be published later this year, involving the 34 two-tier counties which include Cambridgeshire. These, it is being suggested, will involve replacing district and county councils with all-purpose unitary councils. The ODPM's office indicated on 2nd February that regional round-table meetings will take place, involving not only councils but the business community, user-groups and the voluntary sector. A possible timetable will be a Bill before Parliament in January next year, enacted in October, with elections to new councils in May 2008 leading to the full implementation in April 2009. Contrary to some reports, the 2007 district council elections will go ahead. Parish Councils may receive additional responsibilities.

Roger Hall

Post Office

Yes it's still ongoing, the alterations to the library have been agreed with the Post Office and Library, once funding is in place I will advise when the work will start and when the new post office will open.

HGV's in Bar Hill

There has been much success with the sign at Gladeside which indicates to HGV that there is no overnight parking and this seems to be working, if you see any please let me know the name and when it was parked in that area.

Please contact me 201421 or email: bunty.waters@ntlworld.com

Guided Bus Exhibitions

As you may know, the County Council have been planning a programme of exhibitions about the Guided Busway to take place in February and March. The exhibitions will give local people an opportunity to find out more about the scheme and to ask any questions they may have.

The dates of the remaining exhibitions are as follows:
Oakington Primary School, Tuesday 7th March 2006, 3.30-7.30pm
Histon & Impington Junior School, Weds 8th March 2006, 3.30-7.30pm
Trumpington Village Hall, Thursday 9th March 2006, 4.30-7.30pm
Trumpington Park & Ride, Tuesday 14th March 2006, 7-9.30am
Meadows Centre, Arbury, Tuesday 14th March 2006, 5-7pm
Park & Ride, Thursday 16th March 2006, 3.30-6pm

Local residents will receive a leaflet through their doors to inform them about the exhibition and posters will be displayed locally.

John Reynolds

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We are open after school till 6pm every day at a cost of £3/hour and from 8.15-6pm during school holidays for £19/day or half day rate of £9.50 for either 8.30-1pm or 1.30-6pm.

Our building is also available for hire, for parties, meetings etc - £5 per hour and £10 for the kitchen.

For further information, to arrange a visit, or to hire the building please call Patsie on **07921 541549**.

Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

Where Learning is Fun!

Located in the Primary School during the Village Hall re-development.
We are using a classroom and secure garden in the infants' area.
The aim of our Pre-School is to enhance the development of children aged 2 to 5 years placed in our care. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED.
Our experienced, qualified Early Years staff team Sonya, Karen, Karen, Sarah and Pauline supervise our sessions.

We offer your child

- A tailored Foundation Stage Curriculum, with the emphasis on "Learning through Play".
- Fun and Friendship with their peers and adults.
- Our Key worker system enables our Early Years Team to meet the needs of each individual child.
- We recognize parents/carers are the first and most important educators of young children and liaise with them regularly and complete weekly communication books.

Sessions Times

9.00 – 11.30 Mon-Fri
11.30 – 12.15 Lunch Club
Entry via the Community Lounge door.
For more information about our sessions please phone Sonya on 07754433981.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding

Under this scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible.

Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Sonya on 07754433981.

Play Tots Session

1.30 – 3.00 Tuesday
We offer lots of fun and activities for tots from babies up to pre-school.
Sessions are held on a pay and play basis.
Drinks and fruit are provided.
Entry via the Community Lounge door.

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group

(formally Tots and Teds)

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years. A committee of local volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning 9.45 – 11.15.

Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are just starting to toddle or still crawling.

Healthy alternative

The introduction of healthy option for snack time has had a very positive response and will be always offered. If you have any comments we are open to consider any other suggestions you may have.

Term Dates

End of Spring Term
Friday 31st March 2006

Happy Hours The recycled youth club

All those warnings of a cold and severe winter have so far proved wrong. Let us now look forward to longer hours of daylight, and all those spring flowers that will soon be in bloom.

Membership.

Our membership remains fairly high, at about 76. We do have room for more, so if you are over 55 years, and live on the village, why not come along and join us. We meet at the Octagon each Monday from 11.00am to 3.00pm. For more information, why not phone our Chairman, Sid Hunt on 201384. He will be pleased to hear from you.

Raffles.

A raffle held on 23rd. January raised the sum of £55-00 which has been donated to the Children's Hospice at Milton. Our next raffle will be held on Monday 27th. February, when the proceeds will be donated to the charity, MAGPAS.

Outings.

Our first outing of the season will be held on Wednesday 29th. March, with a trip to the village of Upwell, where we will have lunch at The Olde Mill, followed by music and entertainment from 12.00 noon to 3.30pm. This may be combined with a short stop in Wisbech beforehand.

Holidays.

Our first holiday this year will a Valentines Celebration in Eastbourne from Monday 13th. to Friday 17th. February. We will be staying at the Heatherleigh Hotel, which is on the front overlooking the sea. During the week we will be visiting Royal Tonbridge Wells, a trip to Worthing, and a day out at Alfriston which includes a trip on the Bluebell Railway. Another holiday is already booked for a 6 day break, 14th. to 19th. May, at the South Cliff Hotel in Folkstone, More details in the May magazine.

New Constitution.

A new constitution, embodying the rules of the Club, has been distributed to all members. The constitution was passed by the members at a meeting held on Monday, 30th. January.

Sickness.

Doris Short is still in hospital, after suffering a fractured hip just before Christmas. We wish her a speedy recovery, and hope that it is not too long before she is back home. At our meeting on Monday 6th. February, a letter was read from our old friend, Lily Neal. She also sent a donation to the Club. A further letter was read from Terry Barnes, who together with his wife Ann, have not been able to be with us for some time.

Dennis Holt, 780948.

Church Family Event

Easter Family Fun afternoon

In the Church buildings on Tuesday 11th April from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Why not come along and have a fun time as a family just before Easter!

The activities are all based on an Easter theme and will include cards, cooking, crafts plus refreshments. See the posters for more details.

The afternoon is free and suitable for all ages. All children from year 4 and below must be accompanied by an adult. If a child in year 5 and up wishes to attend on their own they must get a permission slip in advance from Claire Thorby on 781527 or a parent must bring them along to sign them in.

Date for your diary

Saturday 29th April Power Pals/ Pick n Mix It

"Holiday at Home"

Do you need a holiday, but don't like the idea of travelling?

Members of Bar Hill Church are hosting a 3-day "Holiday at Home" for the elderly residents of our community. From Tuesday 4th-Thursday 6th April 2006 the Octagon building will be transformed into a cruise liner – "The Good Ship Octagon". Each day will start at 10.00am and finish at 3.00pm and will include activities, entertainment, relaxation, lunch and afternoon tea. Each day you will be at liberty to choose to do as much or as little as you please. There will also be an optional excursion to Bressingham Steam Gardens on Saturday 8th April. Booking forms or further information are available from Sue Kenchington, 20 The Fairway, Bar Hill, Tel: 01954 780260

Friends of the Rosie

"Would you like to say "*Thank you*" to the Rosie Hospital?

The Friends of the Rosie raise money to buy the medical equipment that Addenbrooke's and the NHS does not provide. Please send a donation via our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk or send a cheque made payable to Friends of the Rosie to Mr D Sanders, 145 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LJ

Other ways you can help the Rosie are:

- By donating time instead of money - as a driver for our elderly knitters in return for an enjoyable day and lunch - having a basket of our toys and clothes to sell on our behalf.
- By enjoying a drink with biscuits whilst awaiting your appointment at the Rosie.
- Buying one of our hand-made items (see our selection of hand-made toys and clothes up to age 4 at the Tea Bar in the Rosie Outpatients).
- By helping serve in the Tea Bar.
- Visiting our large stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, or one of our small displays in the Breast Screening Clinic or Clinic 5 in Addenbrooke's, at Hackers Farm Shop in Dry Drayton and the Community Centre, Bassingbourn on Mondays between 2pm and 4pm.
- By donating wool and other craft materials.

We have a stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients on 8th and 22nd March, 4th and 13th April, 15th and 30th May.

Our AGM is on 6th March at 1pm in Seminar Room 4 at the Rosie Hospital.

Addenbrooke's Open Day is on 20th May.

Avril and Jo would like to thank those Bar Hill residents that have already made a donation to our supplies, and we will continue to welcome donations of items for sale, wool and ribbons etc at 111 Hillcrest or 11 Almond Grove.

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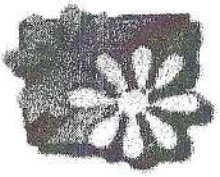

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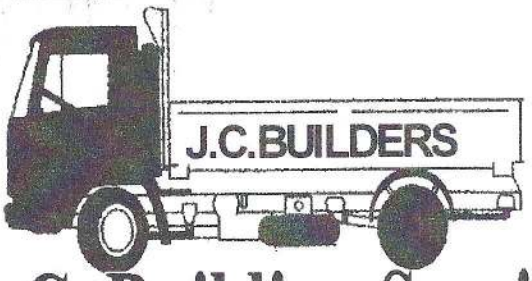

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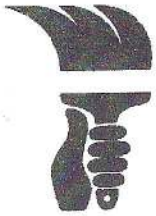

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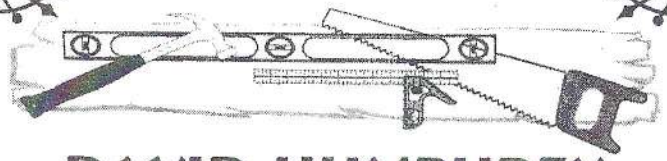

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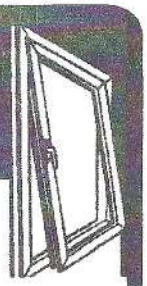

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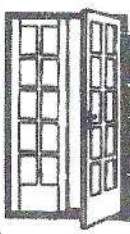

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Caroline Togher, Head of Strategy and Marketing for the Cambridge said:

"We are very excited about this latest development. We have supported a large number of people to buy houses and make their homes in Bar Hill and now we can offer them and everyone else in the village their own branch of the Cambridge.

"Our aim from day one will be to become part of the local community and not just a large business with an office in the village. We encourage our staff to take an active interest in what's going on in their local area and this approach is backed up by our willingness to support fundraising groups and local charities within the community.

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Recently we have been experiencing increased unauthorised use. Please could residents be vigilant for us and contact Paul Thorby on 781527 if they see anything that concerns them.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Bar Hill Babysitting Circle

Fancy the odd evening out?
Find it difficult to get a babysitter?

We are a group of Mums, run for Mums, operating a ticket payment system to swap evenings out. If you have time to offer to sit back for another parent, then this number is for you! Ring Avril on 782431 for details.

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

Our January meeting was well attended.

Treasurer reported that funds were healthy and proposed that we donated £250 to the Poppy Appeal. This was unanimously approved.

A report was given on the County Conference which was attended by six members.

Mike Duce spoke about the Holiday to Scotland and took deposits, Twenty members and friends will make this trip.

We will be having a stall at the Village Fete. There will be a bran tub for the children, home made preserves and possibly plants.

Scribe: M Shubotham 781553.

Post Office Facilities

Now that the Bar Hill Post Office has closed, while we await the negotiations which we hope will lead to alternative facilities becoming available, here is some information about other Post Office branches in the area.

The nearest Post Office with basic services is at 1 Robins Lane, **Lolworth** and is open from 9 to 1 Monday to Saturday. There is a public footpath across the field opposite the bus shelter near the park (between Viking Way and Oatlands Avenue). This Post Office does not issue Motor Vehicle Licences (Car Tax Discs).

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To find out more about how to become a trustee or if you are already a trustee and would like to join the trustee network why not contact the Cambs and Peterborough Trustee Network, 4 Broadway House, 149/151 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB3 7QJ. Telephone 01954 212157 or email:admin@trusteenetwork-candp.org.uk

This project is managed by Care Network Reg No 1041524

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group who meet in the school on the first Thursday of each month. We have a variety of speakers and outings.

6 April: No meeting because the school is closed.

If you would like to join or pay us a visit, please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara on 204171.

Barbara Page.

NWR
NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

National Women's Register could be just what you are looking for! Join our group and find, new friends, fresh interests and take part in lively conversations. NWR is very informal with no agendas or minutes. You will receive a warm welcome.

The group normally meets on alternate Thursdays, usually in a member's home. The cost of a meeting is only £1.00, which includes refreshments.

16th March

Inspect a gadget 'What on earth is it?' bring an item for us to guess its use at Jill's

Saturday 25th March

Area meeting at Somersham

30th March

Big brother is watching over us - discussion at Karen's

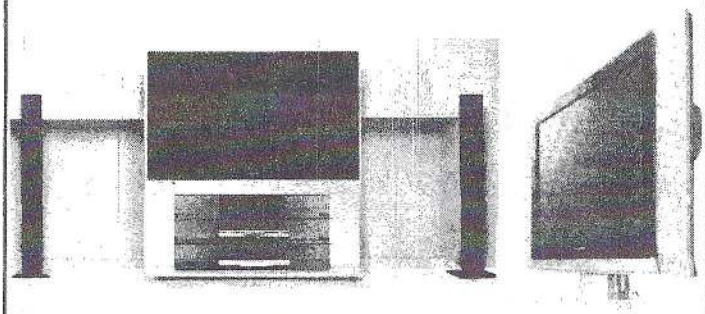
If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer o'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

For more information about anything mentioned please contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

If any dead animals etc. or anything interesting found, please contact Nick Richardson, mobile **07786950684**



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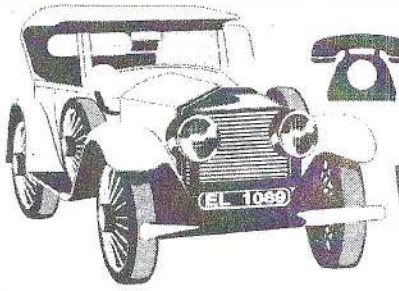

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C.

Welcome one and all to the mad March rantings from yours truly. I have worked out why March is always associated with madness. It's because we are all trying to fit those postponed games into a free (no such thing) Sunday. So this month I humbly request for you all to spare a thought for those kind people who organise the fixtures, then re-arrange them, and then re-arrange them again and again. Our sincerest thanks to **Sarah Phillips**, and **Gail Pridgeon** in our own club for their efforts with our 10 teams. I also want to spare a thought for those in the Leagues, in particular **David Smith** (who looks after over 300 colts league teams across 7 age groups). Thanks to them all for their efforts.

MANAGERS

Listed below is our usual list of Managers. As always if you are interested in joining one of the teams, or if you want to find out more, please don't be afraid to give any of us a call at any time.

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U6	T.B.A.	???
U7	Steve Andrews	789778
U8	Rob Humphreys	781583
U9	Darryn Cook	203576
U10	Dave Moore	789056
U10 Girls	TBA	TBA
U11	Kevin Salaman	201701
U12	Mark Hart	200314
U13	Jairo Marin	781838
U13 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U14	Adam Barry & Maureen Dean	205670
U15	Nigel Barber	781533
U16	Mark Honeywood	01480 830133

PRESENTATION EVENING!

Although not all the details are finalised at the time of writing this, the Entertainments team are working hard putting together a great evening. So don't book any holidays until you get the dates for the colts main event of the year.

COMMITTEE

Please contact any member of the club if you need help or assistance regarding Bar Hill Colts Football Club.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	Paul Prime	203175
Vice Chair:	Kevin Hard	01223-234792
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Colts League Fixtures	Sarah Phillips	270227
Mini League Fixtures	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
Entertainments:	Jeanette Barber	781533
	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: *Web*	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Girls Football:	Ruth Pimentel	782253
Child Protection:	Nigel Barber	781533
Facilities Mngr.	Paul Thorby	781527
Bookings	Lisa Francis	201160

BAR HILL F.C.

We would like to say a very big **"THANKS" to Bar Hill Sports & Social Club** for kindly sponsoring the tracksuit tops for all three teams. Also a second note of thanks to all those who came along to the recent "enjoyable" race night,. It raiswed much needed funds for the club.

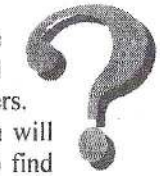
Bar Hill F.C.
Adult Paul Prime 203175
Adult John Houston 200951
Email: ashley@any-mail.co.uk

Please contact us if you are interested in joining any of our teams.

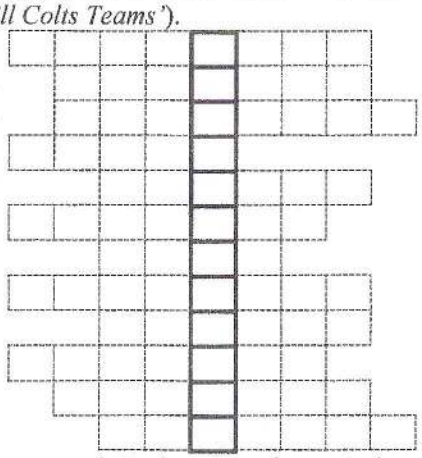
QUIZ TIME

This month, a quiz for everyone to have a go at. There will of course be a prize for the winning entry, so why not have a go. All you have to do is work out the answers to the twelve clues.

Clues: **1.** Girl's Ruthless Boss (8)
2. Clue's "a plenty"(7)
3. "turf is ex" for Sarah and Gail (8)
4. 1st name of Ref for Bad Tummy (5)
5. Which anniversary? (6)
6. Who understands this rule? (7)
7. 'Neal' to our Secretary (4)
8. Hand ofGod player (8)
9. Our 'Men in black' family (6)
10. England team's home (7)
11. Under 7's new name (*Feb BHN*) (7)
12. Roman's Blues (7)



Put the answers into the grid, and these will reveal the twelve 'key' letters. Once you have them, you will need to rearrange them to find the 'hidden phrase'. (***Clue to the hidden phrase:*** *'Common for all Bar Hill Colts Teams'*).



Now complete the entry form at the bottom of the page, and post it to **66, Field View, Bar Hill, CB3 8SY**, or alternatively email your answer with your Name Address, and Tel number to **soccer66@ntlworld.com**. Alternatively, you can visit **www.barhillcolts.org.uk** where you will find a competition entry form for you to fill in. All correct answers will be put into a hat, and the winner will be the first one drawn out at our May monthly meeting. Entries must be received by 20th April to be eligible.

Well, sorry, but that's all for this month. Good Luck with the competition....

Please note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of Bar Hill Colts F.C., or Bar Hill F.C.

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C. ***COMPETITION 03/06 ---- ENTRY FORM***

MY ANSWER IS: ..... **NAME:** .....

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Nick's Nature Notes

March for me is when spring has undoubtedly started. Look closely in every habitat and you'll see its signs.

The key mammal to look out for in March is the brown hare. They can be seen courting this month, the traditional 'boxing matches' taking place in many fields. A bit of 'fieldcraft' will help you see them: wear muted colours, keep quiet, and move slowly keeping the wind in your face will make it easier for you.

Lapwings, the commonest British plover will be setting up territory, the males performing their noisy tumbling flights, looking like they have suffered a mid-flight cavalry attack and come crashing down to the ground only to recover at the last minute. Woodpeckers will be 'drumming' and now the bird world has finally come alive.

Common Frogs are the earliest amphibians to emerge from hibernation, making their way to their breeding ponds, unless the males have adopted a policy of staying in the pond all winter, under the mud and debris on the bottom. When the ambient temperature reaches 7-10° they become active and get ready for spawning. This is a 24-hour spectacle and lasts between 1-5 days: look later for the jelly-like spawn then await the arrival of the frogs.

Butterflies may be seduced by the spring, look out for Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Brimstone.

How about standing around the base of the flowering Sallow tree, at night or daytime, the warmer the weather the better? When most of the countryside seems devoid of insect life you will be rewarded with appearances of Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, and Comma butterflies, early hoverflies, honey bees and the first of the queen bumblebee as they all gorge themselves on the plentiful supply of pollen and nectar.

Primroses will be in flower in the woods (primrose meaning first rose), also Lesser Celandines and wild daffodils. Look out also for the Aurum Lily (better known as "Lords and Ladies" or "Cuckoo Pint") which emits a stench to attract insects. Wood Anemones carpet the floor of the wood in white and spreads at the rate of two metres every 100 years.

All this sounds good, then go out for yourselves and see firsthand: you will be enthralled.

Nick Richardson
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PPI Forums

Ever thought about becoming a volunteer?

Your local 'Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum' is looking for new members in your area. If you have some time on your hands and are a user of the NHS, which most of us are, you are eligible. You don't need to have a background in healthcare, merely an interest in it.

The Forums are made up of local people who are interested and enthusiastic about the health of their local community making sure that the local NHS is able to effectively and efficiently meet the health needs in the area.

This is a government initiative which gives the Forum the right to examine services provided by all NHS providers and to make suggestions for improvements. They deal with a wide range of issues, yet many people have never heard of PPI Forums, which is a terrible shame.

If you would like further information on PPI Forums you can contact the Forum Support Organisation on 0845 0093477.

Avian Influenza Surveillance

Who to contact if you should find any dead birds

Until further notice, cases of dead wild birds previously reported to the police should be referred to the Defra Helpline on 08459 33 55 77 (calls out-of-hours are being dealt with by the State Veterinary Service. For Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire this will be the Bury St Edmunds office on 01284 778150).

The Defra website defines a significant find to be:

One or more dead swans/wild fowl (ducks and geese), more than three dead birds of the same species in the same place or more than five dead birds of different species in the same place (excluding obvious road deaths).

Further information from:
www.defra.gov.uk

News from Cambridgeshire Police

Wise up to the Net

1. Tell your children they should never reveal information such as their name, address, mobile phone number, email address, school, or any other clue to their identity.

2. Discourage children from entering private or one-to-one conversations in chat rooms, they should stick to the public areas where they'll be much safer.

3. Tell your children not to meet up with someone they've chatted to online, unless they take you or another trusted adult along with them.

4. Encourage your children to be open about bad experiences they've had online. If they have had a bad experience, reassure them by telling them it's not their fault, and don't react by instantly banning them from going online.

5. Ask your Internet Service Provider (ISP) about its safety features. Find out how to alter the "content" settings on your browser (use "help" on your browser).

6. Special filtering software allows you to steer your children away from certain websites or chat rooms, but be aware that no filtering tools are 100% foolproof - your child may well know how to get round them.

7. Create a "favourites" folder of mutually agreed sites that your children can visit.

8. Get in touch with the police straightaway if you think your children may have been approached by a paedophile. All UK police forces now have specialist officers dealing with Internet crime.

9. Report illegal material to the Internet Watch Foundation on 08456 008844, which will seek to have it removed.

10. And most of all, try to help them enjoy what the World Wide Web has to offer.

Positioning your computer in a family room is another way of discouraging misuse of the Internet. Some parents actually "spy" on their children to see what they have been up to online, and you can even buy software to help you do this. However, although this is useful in extreme situations, think carefully about how spying could affect your relationship in terms of trust, and again be aware those children can be surprisingly good at getting round such measures.

Eric.

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Church Services

Sun 12th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Barry Vendy
	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Mrs Mary Hancock
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Leader: Mr Bryon Bache
Sun 19th	10.00 am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Michael Ridgeon
	6.30 pm	Informal Worship	Leaders: The Church Youth
Wed 22nd	10.00 am	Mid-Communion	Preacher: Rev John Proctor
Sun 26th	10.00 am	Family Service	Leader: Mrs Claire Thorby

Pastoral Care/Prayer

Do you need a little help? Do you just want someone to listen? Have you a prayer request for yourself or someone you know? Our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, Bernard and Jean Tabram, are there to help at these times. Please contact them on 01954 789067.

The Octagon Newsletter

Bar Hill Church produces a monthly newsletter called the 'Octagon'. The newsletter contains news items, details of events, and services taking place in the church, during the coming month. If you would like to have a colour copy **emailed** to you, free of charge, then please contact Keith Dixon on 01954 200880 or email keith_dixon@ntlworld.com.

People to contact:

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Church Council	Claire Ford	Tel:	01954 780964
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Moderator	Rev. John Proctor	Tel:	01223 741092

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm

Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays

also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne

and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month And Next (See p29 for Church Servicess)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar			
Tue 14th	2.30pm	Toastmaster	Library
Thu 16th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 16th	8.00pm	NWR "What on earth is it?"	Tel 201269
Thu 16th	daytime	Family History	Library
Mon 20th	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Thu 23rd	8.00pm	Social Club AGM	Octagon
Fri 24th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 25th	2.00-3.30pm	Nearly New Sale	School
Sat 25th	8.00pm	NWR area meeting	Tel 201269
Tue 28th	8.00pm	PTA AGM	School
Thu 30th	8.00pm	NWR "Big Brother is watching us"	Tel 201269
Apr			
Sat 1st	10am	Book Sale	Library
Thu 6th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Library
Sat 8th	From 10am	Annual Litter Picking	Meet at Parish Council Office
Tue 11th	2.00-4.30pm	Family Fun Afternoon	Church
Wed 12th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Fri 21st	7.30pm	Partly Pieces (tel 781502)	Swavesey Village College
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Partly Pieces (tel 781502)	Swavesey Village College
Fri 28th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 28th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 29th	2.30-5.00pm	Pick 'n' mix it	Church
Sat 29th	2.30-5.00pm	Power Pals	Church

Bin Collection Dates

March

15 Black bin
22 Green bin and box
29 Black bin

April

5 Green bin and box
12 Black bin
20 (Thurs) Green bin and box

Crossword Just for fun.

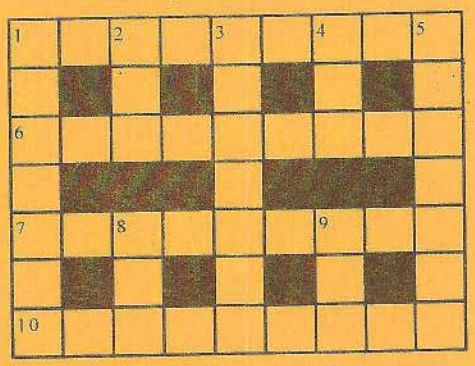
Answers next issue.

Across

1. George Herbert was rector at Leighton ...
6. German philosopher 1844-1900
7. Interesting or soaking
10. Small fried cake

Down

1. French artist, Pierre ... 1867-1947
2. Third person singular
3. Cumbrian castle
4. Tolkein monster
5. Cleans a water bed
8. Not worth much in France
9. Promissory note



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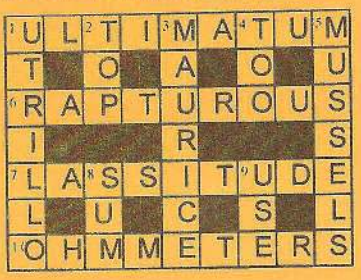

Residents' Association

Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are now held on the second **Wednesday** of the month at the Parish Offices, The next meeting is planned for 8th March at 8pm.. The following meeting will be on 12th April.

Fete 2006

This year's Village Fete is to be held on Saturday 1st July on the Village Green. It will start at 2pm and go on into the evening, ending around 10pm. This year there will once again be a large selection of stalls and fundraising stalls from Village Groups. There will be displays in the Arena, to include; Thai kickboxing, Clowns, and Puppet Shows. On the stage there will be singing, Magic show and in the evening Live Bands. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, either as an individual or as a group please contact Bunty on 01954 201421 or Kirsten on 01954 200228.

Nearly New Sale

We now have lots of sellers and need you to come along and BUY.

The sale is on
Saturday 25th March
from 2.00 ~ 3.30pm
at the School.
Entrance is 50p per adult.

We will have on sale a huge selection of baby and toddler and children's clothes, baby toys and equipment, highchairs, pushchairs, cots etc, toddler and children's toys, large outdoor toys and bikes. Why not come along and grab yourself a bargain?!

For more information please call Kirsten on 200228 or Lindsey on 201516.